

Public Notice



DEPARTMENT OF
ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

August 2009

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

Applicant

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Location

25910 Eide Road, Stanwood, Snohomish County, Washington,
WRIA 5, Sections 23, 25, and 26, Township 32N, Range 3E.

Project Name:

Leque Island Setback Levee—
Estuary Restoration

Public Notice Date: 8/19/09

Comment Period Ends: 9/1/09

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Federal Project Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504

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Purpose

To restore approximately 115 acres of estuary on Port Susan Bay and Skagit Bay and enhance 72 acres of freshwater wetlands on the project site.

Work

The applicant proposes to restore approximately 115 acres of estuary to unrestricted tidal influence by constructing two setback levees and removing two old and failing levees. The work will reconfigure the existing drainage infrastructure (excavated ditches, culverts, and tidegates) to support freshwater wetland management. Also, parking and trails will be created.

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within 14 days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.